

Forum to address terrorist effects on media

Kristin Zagurski

UNO will play host Thursday to "Communicating Patriotism: America Since 9-11-01," a public forum addressing the effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on media.

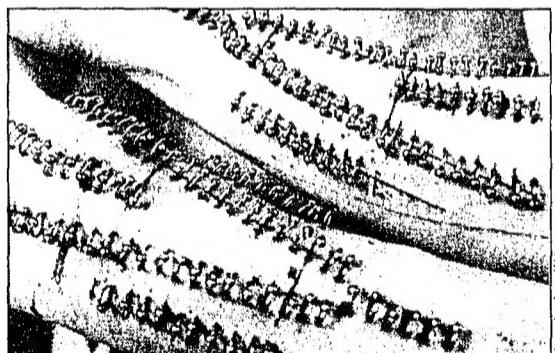
Among the panelists scheduled to appear are Jeff Gauger, assistant managing editor of the *Omaha World-Herald*; Deborah Kent, news operation manager of WOWT-Channel 6; Mike Payne, general manager of Waitt Radio in Omaha; Brian Hamburger, vice president of business development for Smith Kaplan Allen & Reynolds Advertising Agency Inc.; Linda Lovgren, president of Lovgren Marketing Group Inc. Also scheduled to appear is a representative from Offutt Air Force Base's public affairs division.

Chris Allen, assistant professor in UNO's communication department, will moderate the forum, which will include questions from audience members.

The event, which is free to the general public, will "address how the attacks on America have affected the ways the media and other communication professions present information to the public," according to a press release.

Those interested in the forum should plan to attend the event, which will be held this Thursday in the Eppley Auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sherrie Wilson at 554-3677.

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Officials declare Coran ineligible

T.J. Accola

The recent discovery of a past felony conviction will likely prevent student body president elect Damien Coran from taking office.

A 1997 federal felony conviction was recently brought to the attention of UNO officials, who had previously declared Coran eligible to serve.

Coran's ineligibility to serve is mandated by the Nebraska State Constitution, which declares in Article 15, Section 2, that "no person convicted of a felony shall be eligible to any such office unless he shall have been restored to civil rights."

Richard Wood, attorney for NU, said that although officials were "still reviewing the law," it "appears now that [Coran] is not eligible to serve as a student regent."

Coran's criminal history was first brought to the attention of university officials in an article published last month in *The Gateway*, which ran criminal background checks on each of the candidates in last month's student body president/regent election.

According to the Douglas County Sheriff's official criminal history, Coran had been either arrested or cited on suspicion of 17 crimes between 1993 and 1998. Coran, 26, was formally charged in only six of those crimes. Two of the arrests were of felony class, but charges in both were eventually dropped.

However, a further review by university officials determined that Coran had been charged in November of 1997 in U.S. District Court in Omaha with unauthorized use of a credit card. Coran plead guilty and spent 10 months in prison. He was released in November of 1998 from a minimum-security prison in Yankton, S.D., according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

In the Oct. 16 issue of *The Gateway*, Coran readily admitted that he had served nearly a year in prison for what he called a "misunderstanding" over the use of another individual's ATM card. At the time of that interview, Coran said he had turned his life around and was working towards a better future.

"I may have made mistakes, but I've learned from them," he said.

Coran, who could not be reached for further comment, could feasibly be sworn in and serve as student body president/regent if he completes an appeal for restitution of civil rights by Jan. 1, said Wood.

However, that process would necessitate a presidential pardon due to the fact that Coran was convicted of a federal felony. Had he been convicted of a state felony, Coran would have required a pardon by the Nebraska state Board of Pardons.

Assuming Coran's civil rights are not restored by Jan. 1, Shay Riggs, Coran's vice presidential running mate, would be sworn in, said UNO officials. That course of action would be in accordance with the student government constitution, which mandates

that the vice president assume the position of student body president/regent should there be a vacancy.

However, student senate could pre-empt Riggs' swearing-in with a special election (see story, below).

UNO officials said the recent events will almost assuredly prompt additions and clarifications to the student government's constitution. Student senate had already proposed the idea of changes to the constitution, including several propositions that would alter election rules. However, those changes would not become official until the revised constitution is approved by officials.



President/regent elect
Damien Coran

Riggs set to fill presidential post

Kristin Zagurski

Vice President elect Shay Riggs stands to inherit the post of student body president/regent after the recent ruling that elect Damien Coran is ineligible to serve.

The announcement by university officials last week that Riggs would likely be appointed student body president/regent in January is the latest in a series of unprecedented events dating back to last month's election (see story, above).

Riggs said Sunday that she does not plan

to continue the platform upon which she and Coran campaigned. Instead, her main objective will be to re-vamp student government's image.

Riggs said that with all of the controversy surrounding the recent elections, the reputation of student government has gone downhill, but that she will work to make it a "well-respected entity on campus."

Riggs' partner in her planned efforts — a vice president — has already been chosen, although she declined to reveal the

see Riggs, page 4

UNO prof is father of invention

Linda Sedjro and Kristin Zagurski

"It would be a sad world if we couldn't breathe the air or drink the water."

The notion of that type of world, which is a possibility, especially now as America faces a new war, is what drives UNO professor Bahador Ghahramani to invent.

"Science should be directed to serve," he says, stressing that the work of scientists and researchers should be used for the benefit of others — an idea that was instilled in him by his grandmother, who, along with the rest of his family, Ghahramani credits with his motivation.

Ghahramani comes from a family of doctors and scientists.

"It is our purpose to serve and help," he says. "The more we learn, the more we can help."

For the past five years, that is what Ghahramani has done — learned in an effort to help others.

Since he left AT&T's Bell Laboratories in 1995, Ghahramani

has been inventing devices that can help others.

Since 1995, Ghahramani has patented five devices.

The most recent of the devices is the Multi-Purpose Early Warning System, which Ghahramani says can help save lives.

"We need to use our technology to our advantage and saving lives before severe damage is done — there is no time to waste," he says.

Ghahramani wasted no time in developing the MEWS, a system which can potentially prevent such harm from happening.

He recently received a patent for the system.

"Receiving a patent is just as exciting the fifth time as it is the first," Ghahramani says.

Ghahramani, an assistant professor in Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, invented the MEWS, which consists of multiple hazard markers, a deployment surface and

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Ghahramani and his newly patented MEWS early detection system.

Spot news

Kristin Zagurski

Flags lowered to honor Terry, Kempf

Flags on the UNO campus were lowered to half staff Wednesday, Nov. 21 to honor the memory of UNO retiree Jane Kempf.

Kempf, who at the time of her retirement served as assistant registrar, worked at UNO for more than 25 years. She passed away Nov. 18 at the age of 82.

Flags were also lowered to half-staff Friday, Nov. 23, to honor Richard Terry.

Terry, a former academic adviser with the College of Continuing Studies, retired from UNO in 1999. He passed away recently at the age of 69.

Student Government, IFC to sponsor blood drive Dec. 3

UNO's Student Government and Internal Fraternal Council will sponsor a blood drive Monday, Dec. 3.

The drive will be held in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call Tracy Thiesen of Student Government at 554-2285.

Women's Studies to present research seminar Nov. 27

The Women's Studies Program will present the first in a series of research seminars Nov. 27.

Monica Brasile, Sarah Hogan and Sandra Squires will present "A Women's Studies Course for Inner-City High School Students," at noon in ASH 311.

Those who attend are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For more information call 554-3834.

Do you have an item you'd like to see in Spot News? The deadline for Tuesday editions is Saturday at 5 p.m. and for Friday editions, Tuesday at 5 p.m. Items can be dropped off in person at MBSC Room 115; mailed to *The Gateway*, Attn: News Editor, 6001 Dodge St., Omaha, NE, 68182; faxed to 554-2735; or e-mailed to news@gateway.unomaha.edu

Sarah Meedel

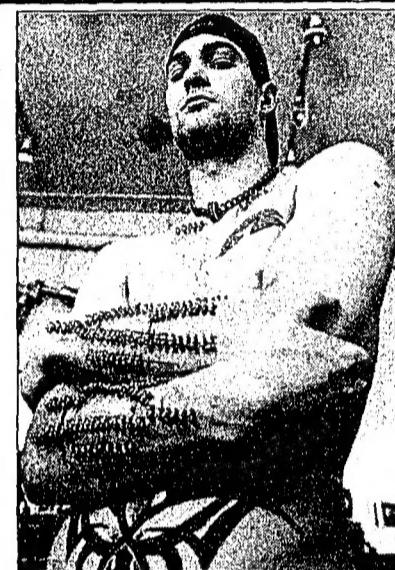
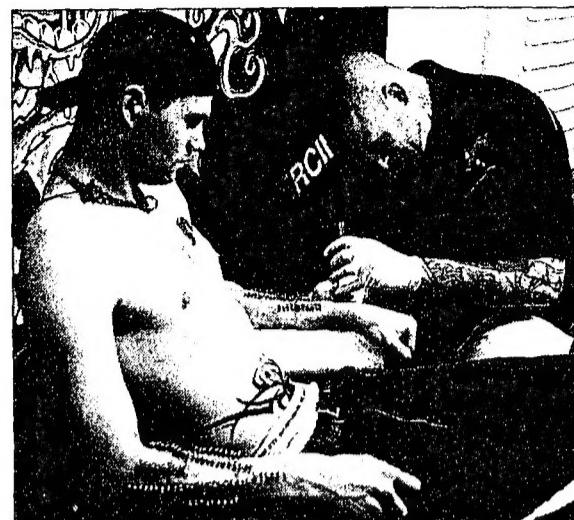
On Friday, 21-year-old Matt Brown of Omaha received a few sharp sticks — 171, to be exact. This was not his first piercing experience; previously, he has had as many as 31 holes and jewelry in his body. By the time of the event, he was down to a mere five piercings. Brown has decided to achieve a new world record for the most piercings in a single sitting. A relatively new tattoo and piercing shop in the Old Market, Big Brain Productions, is the parlor that handled the honor of fulfilling Matt's task.

Apparently, the news of countless needles puncturing flesh spread quickly. Before Friday, Brown's quest had been mentioned in *Alternative Press* magazine, the *Omaha World-Herald* and on CNN. Due to the coverage, dozens flocked to Big Brain Productions to witness the action.

Brown's puncture jewelry probably is not what first comes to mind when one thinks about piercings. For the world record, he had 10 placed along his collarbone and the rest in both of his arms. His collarbone and arms were red, very puffy and swollen with what looked like welt marks.

Currently, the Guinness World Record for body piercings is held by a Scottish woman with a total of 462, including 192 on her head; Brown does not hold a candle to her with only 176 piercings to date. He just wants to compete for the current single sitting entry. His only competition is Greg Thompson, who on Sept. 27 reportedly received 227 piercings during the Pledge of Allegiance Tour at the World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. Before either record attempt, the bar was previously set at 100.

Guinness has yet to assess Matt's bid for the book, so we will have to wait and



photos by Josh Williamson

Matt Brown (front) and Smitty set a new world record for number of piercings on one person, by one person, in one sitting. Brown was pierced 161 times on his forearms and 10 times on his collar bone

see where they place him.

Even though his parents do not like his piercings, his girlfriend is very proud of him. Her response? She will have to remember to not touch his arms for a while.

New uses for Pam spray

Malcolm Mayhew
Knight Ridder Newspapers

We're not really sure why the football team at Loveland High School in Colorado sprayed Pam all over themselves. Well, we kinda know.

"So the opposing team couldn't tackle them," says the Denver Post's high school sports editor, Neil Devlin, who's been fielding media calls ever since the incident last week.

According to Devlin, Greely Central High complained to refs that Loveland players were slathered in some kind of greasy stuff. Turns out, it was Pam. And you thought it was just for cooking!

"Seems to me that if you're playing football and you have a slippery substance, how are you supposed to hang onto the ball?" Devlin says. "I mean, hello."

Loveland slid to victory anyway, but has since been banned from participating in playoffs until the school takes some sort of disciplinary action against the team's coach, who apparently put the kids up to the Pam sham and justified it by saying it's been done before.

This goofy little story inspired us — and we're stretching the meaning of the word "inspired" — to come up with two lists. The first: 10 other good uses for Pam. Believe us, it took awhile.

1. Spray on feet. Instant ice skates!
2. Give it to a backward friend who needs a map.
3. Super Glue remover. It's nonstick, remember?
4. No sled? No snow? No problem — Pam your rear end and you're off!
5. Hair spray? We'll try anything.
6. If you're in a pinch, use as deodorant; it smells kinda good.
7. Give to TV chef Emeril. Instead of his trademark "Bam!," he'll start shouting, "Pam!"
8. Can't get those jeans on? Pam 'em.
9. Give it as a gag gift to someone named "Pam."
10. Two words: Pam wrestling.

Around the area

News from area colleges

Kristin Zagurski

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Maj. Gen. Ashwin C. Hurribance, one of the leaders of the transformation of South Africa from an apartheid state to a democracy, will speak at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Dec. 3.

Hurribance will deliver the lecture, "Collective Leadership: A Lesson from Africa," beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Room 143 of the College of Business Administration Building, 12th and R Streets.

The lecture will focus on the role of leadership in transforming South Africa and the fashioning of the leadership styles of the individuals at the forefront of that transformation.

A reception will follow the lecture at 4 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Hurribance once served as Nelson Mandela's personal physician. He joined the South African National Defence Force in 1994 and serves as its chief of joint training. In 1999, he was acknowledged as one of the "Greatest Achievers of the 20th Century" by the Society of International Biographers.

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Breast cancer detection important

Sarah Meedel

Most college women do not have to worry about being affected by breast cancer, at least not at the traditional age of university students, but it is something they should be concerned about.

Only 0.3 percent of breast cancer cases occur in women under 30, according to the American Cancer Society. The vast majority, 77 percent, occurs in women over the age of 50. It is generally thought that this is a hereditary disease; however, only 10 percent of breast cancer patients fell victim due to inheritance of mutations on genes known as BRCA1 and BRCA2.

Recently, there has been hope for those with mutations on the BRCA2 gene. On Nov. 14, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* released information about a study conducted by Mary-Claire King, Ph.D. The study showed that patients with a high risk of breast cancer who took Tamoxifen for five years reduced the

mutations by 62 percent, therefore reducing their risk of developing breast cancer. A blood test can be done to see if one has the inherited mutations.

Besides family history and faulty genes, there are other ways a woman may be at risk. One's lifestyle plays a large role in factoring the chances of breast cancer. The American Cancer Society says that alcohol consumption is clearly linked with increased chances, and to limit drinking, if one drinks at all. A poor diet that is high in fat is also cause for concern. Fat tissue can increase a woman's estrogen levels and likelihood of the disease. It is recommended to avoid high-fat foods and to maintain a healthy weight. In recent studies, researchers have come to the conclusion that exercise in one's youth is most effective for protection against the disease, but physical activity in one's later years is still beneficial. Currently, there is much speculation on whether or not

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North O: Much luv, very few SUVs

Brett Henderson

Based on news headlines and criminal activity reports, North Omaha may become a less desirable area for those looking to show off their prosperity. New homes represent a small percentage of what lands are available for construction. Within these boundaries are many worn-down apartments and houses; some are vacant, while many others are family dwellings. Frequently, these neighbors gather for nightly entertainment as sirens and flashing lights from above and below reflect off the skyline.

Unfortunately, it is not the Fourth of July or a version of Walt Disney's Electric Light Parade, but the all-too-familiar neighborhood drug raid.

Because of the combined media propaganda and neglected upkeep by both tenants and landlords, it is no surprise that North Omaha's housing situation seems bleak.

The North Omaha jurisdiction includes areas north of Dodge and east of 72nd, with the exception of a few inner-city communities such as Benson and Miller Park areas. Like other inner-city communities, North Omaha has its share of troubled housing areas.

For instance, from 14th Street to 30th

Street, and between Ames Avenue and Lake Street, is considered the heart of the ghetto. Here you will find the majority of the city's neglected community responsibilities. As a result, rental advertisements reflect low housing prices under substandard conditions. On average, tenants pay \$320 per month for limited space and conditions that at best consist of private bath accommodations and pest control. Unfamiliar faces might consider this area a haven for the drug dealer/doer, criminal or the uneducated, but remember, "You can't judge a book by its cover."

Pops and Moms over Stocks and Bonds

Near Lothrop Street, in the center of the ghetto, is an elderly black couple we will call the Cartwrights. The lady of the house, a certified accountant, and her husband, a retired war veteran, have lived in the community for over 60 years. Their large house is surrounded by neighboring homes. From the upkeep of their property, one could assume they have a great respect for their community. Upon entering their home, one is quickly overwhelmed by the distinctive fragrance of the elderly. Situated in the front room are photos and memorabilia of times past.

Mrs. Cartwright points out families and friends in photos, her voice electrified as she

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Have a merry XXX-Mas

Matt Goodlett

It's nearly December and almost time for Santa to revisit his list. Of course, he will check it twice (the methodical chubby fairy). For those people who do not think they will make the second cut, and who cannot stand one more rejection from a jolly fat man, there is an alternative.

This holiday season, forget nice and spoil that naughty side. Visit Dr. John's Lingerie and Boutique and give and receive the gift that keeps on giving — an adult gift.

What is an adult gift, then? There is a teddy bear at Dr. John's for adults. It is obvious to shoppers because of a tag attached to the bear: "absolutely not for children." The item, named Ballsy Bear, makes suggestive comments, drug references and fart jokes when his belly is squeezed.

"We're anticipating that this will be the Tickle-Me Elmo of adult items this season," says John Holton, owner of five Dr. John's stores.

Holton says the store, which is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, does great business during the holiday season and above average on Christmas itself.

"The highest increase in sales comes from lingerie and marital aids such as oils, vibrators and massagers," says Holton.

However, he adds that merchandise with a Christmas theme is also popular. Condom mistletoe, Flashing Santa Claus (no light bulbs involved), as well as Mrs. Claus outfits and Santa hats are a few such items.

Dr. John's also offers a holiday gift basket. The basket includes warming oil, whip cream, body butter, a French tickler and edible underwear for both him and her.

The basket is one of two items that Holton says are for both the giver and the receiver.

"The best gift for men to give would have to be lingerie," he says. "It's really a gift for them both. The woman gets it, she loves it, and the man gets to enjoy it. Men complain that they cost so much for such a short time but if it's on long it wasn't worth it. If it's off soon, we did our job."

Not likely to be taken off soon are the legal battles Holton is fighting in Salt Lake City, Utah, where a new store opened. In Omaha alone, Holton says, he pays \$100,000 in legal fees each year. As a result of the problems he has faced in Utah, Holton will be featured in the cover story of the January issue of *Hustler*. January is also the month the Olympics start in Salt Lake City. Perhaps this is the reason sex toys can be difficult to find.

Another good store to try is Spencer's Gifts, which boasts The Edible Bra (\$5.99) as its top-selling item. They also sell Blow Job Gumballs (\$3.99) and a Glow In The Dark Sensual Bath Kit (\$29.99).

As for Holton, he supplements sales with non-adult items that even mom might like, if shoppers are too late for other retail stores. Holton says the store sells statues of dolphins, Greek gods and other figures that are good for around the holidays.

"That's one of the reasons we do such good business on Christmas," he says. "When you're one of the only open businesses, people tend to do last minute shopping at your store. And on Christmas, you've either got Walgreens or Dr. John's."

Santa does his "nice" shopping at Walgreens. Gee, thanks for the coffee maker, Santa.

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opinions&editorials

Letters to the Editor

November 16, 2001

Dear Editor,

I want to thank *The Gateway* for the article about Student Government in the Nov. 13 issue. While the article truly fails the students from an informational perspective, it at least recognizes that this great University of Nebraska at Omaha has an active student government.

After reading the article, I must apologize to the students and the rest of student government for dominating the story. This campus has 32 student senators working to improve the lives of our classmates and your paper neglected to mention the great people that are part of this organization, choosing to write what is familiar about a less than glamorous member.

Your paper should be publishing articles about the dedicated and diverse members of student government. Members like our speaker, Aaron Becker. Mr. Becker's leadership provides an interesting direction for the body. Or sophomore senator Jono Croskey, a member who wants nothing but to make UNO better and always leaves the room with a smile. University Division senator Nate Heitman and how this freshman from Tabor, Iowa, gives a fresh perspective to the senate. Paula Watson, the senator from Human Resources and Family Science, and how she not only goes to school at UNO, but works here beyond student government. And why not

write a story about Aisha DaCosta and her work with ROTC?

I could fill a number of pages with stories about the great people that make up the student senate and how they are working for the members of our campus community. So I encourage you to join the call for a better UNO and cover what really goes on.

As a senior class senator, I also want to comment on the recent coverage of our Student President/Regent elect, Damien Coran. Some letters to the editor suggest that your coverage is based out of need to keep someone down or a racially motivated mind set, but I want to remind those same people that I am a white male and *The Gateway* has never shied from the opportunity to publish stories about my past — it is simply something that comes with the job. But at the same time, I want this campus to know that we are in very capable hands. In the two years that I have known Damien, he has proved to be nothing but a man of character and someone you can trust. From my experience of what it takes to be president, Damien is more than qualified to lead this campus and its students.

In closing, I want to reassert my challenge not only to *The Gateway*, but the whole student body: learn more about your student government and get involved to change your campus.

Respectfully,
John Shradar

November 16, 2001

To The Two Women In The November 15 Letters To The Editor:

When I first read the article outlining Damien Coran's election and his past, I took it at face value. The writer appeared to be informing the UNO community of Mr. Coran's past indiscretions to answer any eligibility questions. I did not take it as a race issue. If that was the intent of *The Gateway*, then I fully apologize for this letter and am too outraged at the blatant discrimination. But I do not feel that was the intent. When you put yourself in the public eye, there will always be scrutiny. On some accounts, it is sad to say, but it is truth and the right of any media tool to report upon.

My direct question to Sheree Mitchell: If you thought *The Gateway* was degrading Damien, why did you turn around and do it to outgoing President Mallory Prucha? That could be seen as reverse discrimination and two wrongs certainly don't make a right.

I will not deny that racism is a major world concern and should not be treated in a cavalier manner, but I do not think *The Gateway* is an offender.

Dena Hite

Riggs has mixed emotions ...

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individual's identity, instead saying that "he has student government experience and is involved in many campus activities. Her choice, however, would be subject to student senate approval — a requirement of all non-elected vice presidents.

But whether Riggs and her selected vice president will even be installed is still in question.

Stephanie Trudell, chief executive officer of student government, said there is nothing in the student government constitution, election rules or regent policies regarding what happens when a candidate's term ends before it even begins.

Trudell said that because Coran and Riggs were never installed as president and vice president, there are no rules to govern who should be inaugurated as student body president/regent come January.

Trudell said this leaves the Student Government in a "sticky situation," forcing them to either follow procedure as if the pair had been installed, or to come up with a new solution.

One possible solution would be a special election, allowing students to once again vote on who should represent the UNO campus and serve on the NU Board of Regents.

Riggs said she has "mixed emotions" about whether or not such an election should be held. She said even the administration does not know what to do in this case, although she does think the senate will push for a special election.

The likelihood of a special election is high, especially considering

Trudell's assertion that there is a "99.9 percent chance" of such an event.

Riggs said that while she will respect the decision by the Senate for a special election, she will not run if there is one.

She said if a special election is the course of action taken, then it would be unfortunate for the student body.

Riggs feels that she is the best choice for the position, and that it will be a loss to the students if she is not allowed to serve because she brings much experience to the position, having been a student government senator, campus chair and vice president. Riggs said she believes personality, reputation on campus and rapport with students could help give UNO's student government the positive image it needs.

However, Riggs does agree with that Coran should be allowed to serve. She said Coran was not up front with her about his criminal past and told her the week before the elections that he had "a little bit of a record."

She eventually learned the true extent of Coran's criminal past when she read an article in the Oct. 16 issue of *The Gateway*.

She said she has not talked to Coran since he was determined ineligible to serve by UNO officials.

She said if she had it all to do over again, knowing then what she knows now, she would not have run as Coran's vice president.

A final decision regarding a special election will likely be decided upon at Thursday's student government meeting.

Cruisin' the news

Capel Cottage Review
David M. Johnson

• Dying To Travel In Outer Space?

Celetis, a Houston-based company, is offering its customers burial in space. For \$5,300, you can have a small portion of your ashes put into a capsule which will "re-enter the atmosphere, blazing like a shooting star." If you want to spend \$12,500, you can have your ashes shot into deep space. For a price in between, you can have your ashes sent to the moon. "It is the perfect way to memorialize someone who has always wanted to be a part of the future," says Celetis president Chan Tysor.

Okay, which container has the ashes, and which container has the Tang?

• The Wonderfully Wacky World Of Barbie

While a recent UNO college class made the local 6 p.m. news broadcasts by altering Barbie's proportions to make her look more like a "normal" person (doll), foreign students and manufacturers are going a bit further to change Barbie's looks.

Design students at Hong Kong Polytechnic University have come up with a Barbie in a black, off-the-shoulder, bare-backed dinner gown and a giant dragon tattoo running the length of her entire back. In honor of Japan's Crown Princess Masako, the Japanese Barbie, "Rika-chan," is pregnant. Children who buy the doll can mail in a postcard. In return, they will receive a toy baby and a special key that deflates Rika-chan's belly to pre-pregnancy slimness.

Next Christmas — post-partum depression Barbie.

• Bird Man Of Havana

Carlos Rodriguez Avila was arrested in the Miami airport on Oct. 31 when he tried to smuggle 44 exotic birds through customs. Avila, inbound from Havana, was frisked and officers found the birds strapped to his legs under his pants. Each bird was valued at \$350. Avila faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

Is that a cockatoo in your pants, or are you just glad to see me?

• Potty Party

Representatives from around the world will be in Singapore this week

for a four-day look at the latest in ... toilets. The Chinese are sending the most delegates. They hope to install the most technically advanced johns before the Olympics begin. Singapore is not kidding around with this show. Opening festivities include a mime who will demonstrate both desirable and undesirable potty behavior and the city has instituted fines for anybody caught not flushing.

People who leave the seat up will be shot.

• Liar, Liar

Daniel Langleben of the University of Pennsylvania and his team of researchers believe they have discovered a fool-proof way to tell if a person is lying. It may not be practical in all cases, however. You see, it involves taking an MRI brain scan of the anterior cingulate and adjacent right superior frontal gyrus to see if there is an increase in blood flow when a person is lying. "This opens the possibility towards improvements of lie detection that can be applied in forensic and business situations," Langleben says.

Or ... just use my wife. She can smell a lie at 300 yards.

the **Gateway**

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YWCA abuse hotline: Fighting domestic violence 24/7

Matt Goodlett

Police found Melinda K. Ades dead while answering a call of a disturbance at her residence on 37th and Ohio Streets early Nov. 19. A month previous, Ades had filed a restraining order against Juan M. Flores, the man she was living with at the time, on the grounds that he was physically abusive. According to an *Omaha World Herald* article, he is also suspected of the murder.

Thousands of women die each year as a result of abusive relationships, according to *Breaking the Silence: A Handbook for Battered Women*. However, programs such as YWCA Omaha's Women Against Violence seek to help victims and prevent abuse.

YWCA Omaha has a 24-hour hotline for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence that is available 365 days a year, at 345-7273. Jean Imray, volunteer and education coordinator for the program, says the hotline offers a variety of services and is completely confidential.

"Every situation varies," says Imray. "Everyone is at a different place when they call. The volunteers on the hotline can offer support, giving [the caller] someone to listen."

She says the program also offers safety planning, referrals to lawyers, help getting protection orders and counseling services for both victims and abusers. In addition, the program arranges for victims to be met at hospitals and also makes arrangements for shelter. The YWCA Omaha can also provide a number of educational materials on abuse.

For instance, a YWCA Omaha information sheet can be obtained, which gives statistics relevant to abuse, such as the fact that about 30,000 households in the metro area are living with domestic violence. Imray says the hotline received 9,842 calls last year. She says the gap might be because of lack of awareness.

"I've noticed there are more calls during

the month of October, which is Domestic Violence Month. My thought is that more people call because they know that there are services available to help them."

The literature provided by YWCA Omaha provides information important for college women who are dating. One pamphlet states that one in five college dating relationships involve verbal and often physical violence. Other materials, such as checklists for avoiding dating violence, are also available. Imray says dating women should be especially wary of anyone who gets involved too quickly.

"If you just meet someone and they want to move in tomorrow, red flags should be going up," Imray says.

Volunteers staff the YWCA Omaha domestic violence hotline. The hotline now has 80 volunteers, but 20 more will be added after they finish training. The 39-hour training introduces volunteers to different aspects of abuse. Imray says police, physicians, attorneys and domestic violence counselors speak to training classes about anything from medical procedures to legal issues.

"The work that these people do is rewarding and important," Imray says. "We're always looking for new volunteers. Eighty sounds like a lot until you consider that the hotline is staffed 24 hours a day."

For more information about volunteering for the hotline, call YWCA Omaha's offices at 345-6555.

Checklist of warning signs of potential abuse:

1. Not allowing you to go out with friends
2. Telling you how to dress, act or think
3. Pulling hair or pinching
4. Threatening to find someone else
5. Name calling or put downs
6. Not letting you make decisions
7. Constantly criticizing
8. Anyone who drinks excessively

Health news: What men should know

David M. Johnson

• Young men and death

Recent studies show traffic accidents account for nearly two-thirds of all deaths in men aged 25 and younger.

Many researchers are engaged in studies directed at why young men are involved in so many road accidents. The most well-known theories include: inexperience behind the wheel, male aggressiveness and irresponsibility, the feeling that safety precautions are "wimpish" or unnecessary and the sheer number of young men driving on today's roads.

Excessive drinking also plays a role in the number and severity of traffic accidents.

Professional drivers take driving seriously, always thinking of the consequences of a serious accident. It would be prudent to follow their advice.

• Men and risks

Michael Segell, author of *Standup Guy: Manhood after Feminism*, says men take far too many risks with their health. He sees men dipping into bad habits influenced by culture, stress and the inability to handle that stress.

"Men have a particularly hard time when it comes to overcoming patterns of behavior that have a negative impact on their health," Segell writes. "Certain behavioral traits and tendencies, such as impulsiveness, stubbornness or macho stoicism harden whatever slothful tendencies may plague us."

Segell cites a number of critical mistakes men make with their health: 1) avoiding the doctor, 2) impulse eating, 3) too much alcohol,

4) poor stress control and 5) not exercising.

The answer? Segell says it is important for men to get at the underlying problems that manifest themselves in unhealthy activities, make personal observations and take simple, small steps to change.

"The first priority for men who want to pursue a healthier lifestyle is to see their doctor," Segell writes. "A doctor's visit will help a man address his worst habit of all: thinking he's invulnerable."

• Are men an endangered species?

Professor Siegfried Mervin of the University of Vienna and Alejandro Jadad of the University of Toronto have just published an article in the *British Medical Journal* in which they pose the question of whether men are at the risk of extinction.

Their study finds men have lower life expectancies than women, suffer more from violence and depression, die in far greater numbers than women in wars and have a higher mortality rate than women in the 15 leading causes of death.

Other factors cited include the spread of AIDS in both Africa and China, sperm banks, in vitro fertilization, the possibility of human cloning and same-sex marriages.

"What will be the implications of the redefinition of men's roles within the family, work and society?" the authors wrote. "Will men be needed at all?"

Information for this article was gathered from Health Media Ltd 2001, and the health sites at www.thetimes.co.uk, www.yahoo.com and www.msnbc.com.

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Sittin' back with Cursive

Amanda Clark

The first time I heard "The Lament of Pretty Baby" off the album *Cursive's Domestica*, I melted with love and then hardened with the sounds of smart, post-hardcore rock.

Cursive is a band as synonymous with heavy indie-rock now as Superchunk has ever been. Coincidentally, Tim Kasher, vocalist/guitarist of Cursive, just finished touring with Superchunk and his other band, Omaha's own cherished The Good Life.

Cursive has been dazzling Omaha's still-emerging rock scene and gaining national attention since 1995 with several albums: *Such Blinding Stars for Starving Eyes*, the Cursive/Silver Scooter split 10", *The Storms of Early Summer: Semantics of Song* and *Cursive's Domestica*. The band's latest release is the five-song EP on Saddle-Creek Records, *Burst and Bloom*.

Cursive, which, in addition to Kasher includes Ted Stevens (guitar/vocals), Matt Maginn (bass/vocals) and Clint Schanse (drums) played a show at the Sokol Underground (13th Martha Street) Nov. 23 with The Paper Chase. Maginn spoke with me to update Cursive fans and fans-to-be on some happenings:

Gateway: Cursive recently put out an amazing 5-track EP, *Burst and Bloom*. When do you guys expect to release a new full-length?

Matt Maginn: We are trying to release a new full-length either next fall or very early in 2003. We are going to record part or all of it in February. Depending on how that goes, we will probably decide on a release date. We are also planning to record and release a co-release with a band from Japan called Eastern Youth next summer.

GW: How was the writing/recording process this last time around (for the new EP)?

MM: Everything went very well. I think there was some growth, but I expect to see greater growth with this new full length. Now that Gretta [Cohn], our cellist, lives here, she is

able to work on the songs with us more actively.

GW: How were some of the other bands you got to play with on tour?

MM: We really like The Paper Chase, who will be playing with us on [Nov. 23]. They are the whole reason that show exists. They were coming through on tour, so we insisted they stop here and play a show. We picked up their CD in San Francisco last year and fell for it quickly. Since then, we tried to find a way to get a hold of them. We asked them to play some dates with us on this last tour so we could finally see them live. They were great. They push the limits of song structure and method more than most bands, making it very awesome and interesting.

GW: Who else is out there rocking and inspiring Cursive — perhaps an ideal band to play with?

MM: Damn — good question. We probably all have a little different idea of who would be ideal. I would definitely vote for Fugazi, just because I have been a fan for so long and they are great live. That's kind of an obvious choice, so I may also suggest Outkast, who I think are totally amazing.

GW: What is your favorite Cursive song, right now?

MM: "Fairy Tales, Tell Tales."

GW: What's Cursive's relationship like with Saddle Creek Records? Do you guys think you'll stick around in the Omaha/Saddle Creek scene?

MM: Saddle Creek is like our family. Ourselves and the other bands have been together for years. We've made a conscious effort to promote the label and the other bands. Things have really worked out well, with the label growing at the same speed as the bands and vice versa. Robb Nansel runs Saddle Creek and he's done an amazing job. He has also been our friend for years and years. Cursive and all of the bands also plan on staying in Omaha.

We are very happy here and since we are a family it is good to have a common home base.

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Moving Company looks for continued success

Kelsey Archer

Getting ready for their upcoming performance in January, UNO's modern dance club, The Moving Company, prepares for another year of success.

The Moving Company, established at UNO in 1937, is currently preparing for its upcoming performance with the Omaha Modern Dance Collective. That performance will be held at Creighton's Lied Education Center for the Arts Jan. 17 through 19.

The group, directed by Josie Metal-Corbin, began preparing for the upcoming show with recruitment earlier this year.

"Usually, tryouts are at the beginning of the year and a lot of times we have them at the beginning of second semester," says Dara Rosenberg, member of The Moving Company.

Rosenberg, a student and teaching assistant at UNO, became a member of The Moving Company earlier this year during the annual try-out sessions.

"A lot of the members are UNO students, but we do get draws outside of UNO and they're all on a try-out basis," she says.

Rosenberg is currently a dance teacher at Cherrie Andersen's Dance studio. Although she has an extensive amount of prior dance experience, others do not.

"We have everyone from the novice dancer to the experienced dancer," Rosenberg says. "With the company, we have some kids — eight, nine, and 10 years old — who are daughters and sons of Moving Company members. We also have some older people in their late 50s and 60s."

Members who made the tryouts and are preparing for the upcoming show in January have a challenge ahead to maintain last year's reputation during their international debut.

The Moving Company showed its

ability to transcend culture, geography, age and other classifications when the group performed "Essence of Isadora." January's performance, "Nebraska Dancing," shows promising end results.

"They held tryouts for it and different choreographers from all over the city helped out, not just the Moving Company," Rosenberg says.

There are a number of reasons for trying out to become a member of The Moving Company, she says.

"I love to dance and any time I can find to dance makes me happy," Rosenberg says. "For other people it's a super, super, great way to meet people. It's a really fun class we have."

After joining, the members attend classes on a regular basis to learn different techniques and types of dance.

"We learned in one class a couple weeks ago the 'Cowboy' Madonna music video," Rosenberg says.

Learning new styles from different instructors broadens the members' experience and ability.

"We've had people who are mainly jazz instructors, modern instructors and ballet instructors," Rosenberg says. "We've had people from all walks of life, so it's a great experience for anybody."

In addition to the learning derived from the group, Rosenberg says, "it's great conditioning and it's fun."

Like many other organizations on campus, The Moving Company participates in group campus activities. This year, The Moving Company took part in the recent bell tower challenge, along with a number of other activities to help build bridges with student involvement.

For more information about The Moving Company or future shows, log on to www.unomaha.edu/~healthed/DanceCalendar.html

The Dumb Waiter meets God

Holly Lukasiewicz

If your appetite for live performance is craving a night of absurdity, then Saint Brigid's Theater on the College of St. Mary's campus has just the remedy for you with its dual productions of *The Dumb Waiter* and *God*.

The two one-act plays combine the tension and fascination of absurdity theater with the "twisted intellectualism" of Greek classical theater, says actor and co-director Aaron Zavitz.

"If you want shows that are going to intrigue and entertain, they definitely both do that," Zavitz says.

The Dumb Waiter is the first of the set and, says Zavitz, "is Reservoir Dogs/Pulp Fiction-ish."

The Dumb Waiter focuses on two hitmen waiting for their instructions and how they appease a dumb waiter and whoever's upstairs, Zavitz says.

"It's written in English dialect, but we've brought it up to date," Zavitz says.

"We've tried to make it more appealing to a younger crowd without adding anything."

The Dumb Waiter also offers the audience the "unresolved tension" of a tragic comedy.

"The ending is very bizarre," Zavitz says. "Not too many people get it."

The slapstick humor stylings of Woody Allen are followed with *God*.

"*God*, I guess, is just plain goofy," Zavitz says. "It makes fun of tragic and Greek drama."

The diverse one-act plays offer the audience the chance to watch multi-talented performers in action.

"We rely on the audience and the communication between them and the actors," Zavitz says. "I'm not too fond of rehearsal, but we have to — so they tell us."

The Dumb Waiter and *God* will be performed through Dec. 9. For more information, call 399-6229.

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Feel what you are missing feels Omaha

Bobbi McCollum

"What we wanted to do was take art off the walls and break it out of the frames so people could approach it," says Michael Poynter, director of Omaha Arts.

In an effort to open up the public's perception of art beyond visual contact, Omaha Arts and Prevent Blindness Nebraska are presenting the *Feel What You Are Missing* art exhibit through Nov. 30.

Poynter explains that generally, the artists are the only ones who experience the true essence of what art can be.

"Once they're done, that's it," he says. "No one gets to experience the depth of those crevices or rises."

Thus, 24 artists made 27 pieces that played with a variety of senses. The eclectic collection includes pieces made of fabric, canvas, sculpture, glass and so on. Because the art was not meant for sight, the pieces force the viewer to touch, hear and smell them in order to experience the

art.

Patrons are encouraged to wear a blindfold when touring the exhibit. Because people with sight seem to not know when to stop, they are required to have an escort when blindfolded. "They'll knock things over," Poynter says.

Each display contains the piece of art, a description of it in Braille and a distorted picture of it. This picture shows what the piece would look like if viewed through the eyes of someone with glaucoma.

"All of a sudden I can see what people are missing and I can feel what I've been missing," Poynter says.

Omaha Arts and Prevent Blindness Nebraska hope to make people appreciate the value of sight and spread awareness of blind people in the community. *Feel What You Are Missing* runs through Nov. 30 at the Omaha Art studio, 1620 Harney St.

"You know you always wanted to, so just go ahead ... touch it," Poynter says.

The big concert update

compiled by Rae Licari

OMAHA:

- 11/28 Sonia Dada — Music Box
- 11/29 Lucky Boys Confusion — Ranch Bowl
- 11/29 Trans Siberian Orchestra — Civic Auditorium
- 12/01 Spearhead — Ranch Bowl
- 12/02 Genitorturers — Ranch Bowl
- 12/04 Chris Duarte — Ranch Bowl
- 12/07 Jurassic 5 — Ranch Bowl
- 12/07 Sponge — Music Box
- 12/09 Popa Chubby — Music Box
- 12/12 Sevendust — Sokol Auditorium
- 12/13 Kottonmouth Kings — Ranch Bowl
- 12/14 Kottonmouth Kings — Ranch Bowl
- 12/15 Pigface — Ranch Bowl
- 12/15 Blue October — Music Box
- 12/15 Asleep at the Wheel — Sokol Auditorium
- 12/16 Alien Ant Farm — Ranch Bowl
- 12/19 Lorie Line — Civic Auditorium
- 12/20 Magic Slim and the Teardrops — Music Box
- 12/31 The Confederals — Music Box

LINCOLN:

- 11/30 Primer 55 — Knickerbockers
- 12/01 Linkin Park — Pershing Auditorium
- 12/03 Jaci Valasquez — Pershing Auditorium
- 12/06 Sponge — Royal Grove
- 12/14 Blue October — Knickerbockers

DES MOINES, Iowa:

- 11/30 John Hiatt — Val Air Ballroom
- 12/02 Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie — Veterans Auditorium

LAWRENCE, Kan.:

- 11/28 Flickerstick — Granada
- 12/04 Nortec Collective — Granada
- 12/07 The Get Up Kids — Liberty Hall
- 12/08 Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise — Bottleneck
- 12/08 Bilal — Granada
- 12/14 Clutch — Bottleneck

MINNEAPOLIS:

- 11/27 The Dismemberment Plan — 400 Bar

- 11/28 Hootie and the Blowfish — First Avenue
- 11/28 Mudvayne — Quest Club
- 11/29 Five For Fighting — First Avenue
- 11/29 Britney Spears — Target Center
- 11/29 Primer 55 — Quest Club
- 11/30 Sonia Dada — Fine Line Music Cafe
- 12/01 Nikka Costa — Quest Club
- 12/01 Karl Denson's Tiny Universe — Fine Line Music Cafe
- 12/01 DJ Krush — Sursumcorda
- 12/02 Jurassic 5 — First Avenue
- 12/03 Saves the Day — Quest Club
- 12/04 Anti-Pop Consortium — First Avenue
- 12/05 Nortec Collective — 400 Bar
- 12/05 Ryan Adams — First Avenue
- 12/05 Genitorturers — 7th Street Entry
- 12/06 Pete Yorn — Quest Club
- 12/07 Morbid Angel — First Avenue
- 12/10 Rival Schools — Quest Club
- 12/12 Method Man and Redman — Quest Club
- 12/18 Puddle of Mudd — Quest Club
- 12/20 Ike Reilly — 7th Street Entry
- 12/21 Ike Reilly — 7th Street Entry

KANSAS CITY, Mo.:

- 11/27 U2 — Kemper Arena
- 11/27 Slayer — Uptown Theatre
- 11/27 Linkin Park — Hale Arena
- 11/27 King Crimson — Madrid Theatre
- 11/28 Shemekia Copeland — Grand Emporium
- 11/30 Weezer — Municipal Auditorium
- 11/30 Rebecca Gates — Hurricane
- 12/01 John Hiatt — Madrid Theatre
- 12/04 Sponge — Hurricane
- 12/04 Popa Chubby — Grand Emporium
- 12/06 Slipknot — Hale Arena
- 12/07 Chris Duarte — Grand Emporium
- 12/08 Chris Duarte — Grand Emporium
- 12/11 Kottonmouth Kings — Beaumont Club
- 12/12 Over the Rhine — Grand Emporium
- 12/13 Aerosmith — Kemper Arena
- 12/20 Brave Combo — Grand Emporium
- 12/28 Reverend Horton Heat — Beaumont Club

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CD reviews

reviews by Kelsey Archer

Frontline Assembly
Epitaph
Metropolis Records

Frontline Assembly breaks in with sparky techno sounds that engulf the industrial world.

This dark, mysterious music pounds out rhythms like a heartbeat. Clashing metal sounds combined with deep, raspy voices create another genre in the metal world.

With lyrics that explore different realms of reality and disbelief, the fast-pumping music resembles that of Marilyn Manson. The hardcore style leaves a fierce mark in the air like a sparkler on the Fourth of July.

With a distinct flavor, the band produces songs such as "Existence," "Epitaph" and "Haloed," which contemplate thoughts of anger, surveillance, beginnings and endings.

R.L. Burnside
Burnside on Burnside
Fat Possum Records

This disc was recorded in Portland, Ore.'s famed Crystal Ballroom. Despite the location, this CD takes you to a different world. The sounds that are captured are pure and unadulterated, with immense energy that was produced during the live recording.

The music is stripped down to the bare essentials, using only drums, a guitar and

vocals. The spirit shines through in the music from the rural juke joints where Burnside began his career more than 50 years ago.

Every note of the music is pure blues and there is no room for error on this 12-track CD. Each track gets down with gritty, distinct sounds, which can best be heard on songs like "Long Haired Doney," "He Ain't Your Daddy" and "Alice Mae."

Burnside has made previous appearances in numerous big cities, including previous stops to play at the House of Blues.

Goldie
A Drum and Bass DJ Mix
Trust the DJ Records

There is no question that this music is purely for the late-night clubs. The music has a strong quality that screams to the dance scene.

Despite that in the modern age, typical dance music does not include drums or bass, this artist puts the two together to reflect the world we live in. The diversity brings energy and inspiration to the dance floor.

Combining real life feelings, Goldie creates pure street soul that shows moments of happiness and despair, wants and needs and a number of other parallel feelings. The album is alive with energy that flows from the speakers' demanding movement.

The 18 tracks on this CD are just one example of this DJ's talents.

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Mav mental mistakes give Gorillas game

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Football

No. 6 Pittsburg State ended No. 15 UNO's bid for a national championship Nov. 17 when the Gorillas upended the Mavericks 20-7 at Carnie Smith Field in Pittsburg, Kan.

Mental errors proved to be UNO's downfall. The Mavericks committed 10 penalties for 97 yards and fumbled six times, losing the ball twice. One of those fumbles was costly.

Pittsburg State had a 13-0 lead midway through the fourth quarter. On a second-and-10 play from the 46-yard line, UNO quarterback Seth Turman looked to move the Mavs deep into Gorilla territory when he tried to pitch the ball to one of his backs.

Pittsburg's Tom Blane stepped inside the running back, plucked the ball out of the air and ran it in for a score. The extra point made the score 20-0 with eight minutes left.

Turman brought the team back. The senior signal caller scored on a five-yard keeper with a little more than four minutes on the clock, but it proved to be too little, too late.

Football Rundown

Team	1	2	3	4	F
UNO	0	0	0	7	7
Pittsburg St.	0	10	0	10	20

PSU: Neal Philpot 1-yard run (Daniel Chappell kick)
 PSU: Chappell 38-yard field goal
 PSU: Chappell 23-yard field goal
 PSU: Tom Blane 37-yard fumble recovery (Chappell kick)
 UNO: Seth Turman 5-yard run (Troy Severson kick)

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UNO put up some fine offensive numbers, out-gaining Pittsburg State 299-278 in total yards.

Johnnie Nolen rushed for 118 yards on 22 carries. Turman was 17-25-0 passing for 144 yards.

Defensively, Chad Geiger led the way with nine tackles. Travis Moten added eight. As well as the defense played, however, UNO could not manage to sack Pittsburg's quarterback or force a turnover.

The Gorillas rushed for 216 yards. Anthony Hanks put up 100 of those yards in 13 carries. Quarterback Neal Philpot rushed for 75 yards and was 4-9-0 passing for 62 yards.

The loss ended the season for UNO, which fell to 8-3. Pittsburg State improved to 11-1.

UNO women runners-up in holiday tournament

Paul Freeland

Women's Basketball

UNO women's basketball split its games in the UNO Thanksgiving Tournament, defeating Midland Lutheran 99-62 before falling 80-57 to Minnesota-Duluth.

Against Midland Lutheran, the Mavericks dominated nearly every facet of the game, outscoring their opponent 52-22 in the paint, 22-0 on the fast break and 47-18 in bench scoring.

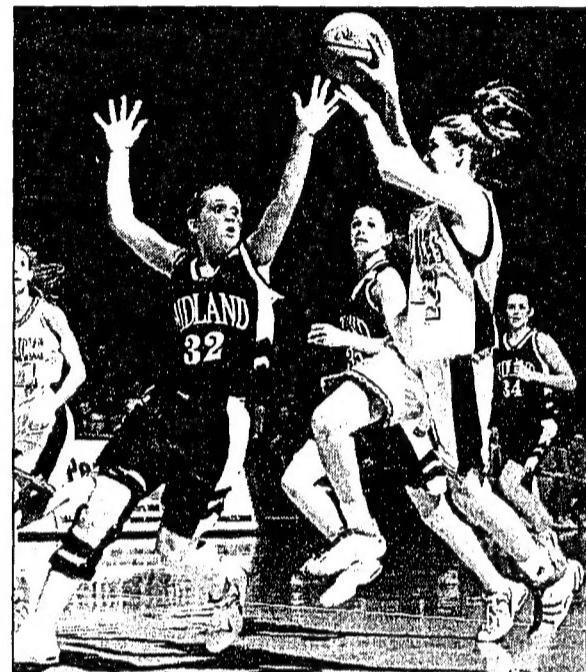
Sara Peterson led the way for UNO with a 20-point, five-steal and five-assist performance while Jen Mitchell and Raina Tasa each added 14 points. Tanya Hammes scored eight points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who ended the game shooting 52 percent from the field.

Minnesota-Duluth, though, would turn the tables on UNO and shoot a blistering 55 percent, including a 60 percent effort in the first half. The Bulldogs led 43-26 at the half and gave little ground afterwards en route to an

80-57 win and the tournament title.

Mitchell led UNO (2-4) with 11 points, while Lindsay Petersen, Sara Volnek and Erin Wessling each scored eight points. Mitchell hit three of 9 three-point attempts, which tied her for the school record for career three-pointers with 155.

UNO will travel to Northwest Missouri State tonight before returning home Friday to play Nebraska-Kearney.



Maverick Lindsey Peterson tries to get a lay-up past Warrior Jill Hayden during Friday's game.

Photo by Josh Williams

Mavs take South Dakota by storm

David M. Johnson

Swimming

The UNO swimming and diving team defeated South Dakota State 157-61 in a dual meet Nov. 16, then followed that with a first-place finish in the Nov. 17 Jackrabbit Invitational.

UNO (8-3) won 10 of 13 events against SDSU. Senior Aja Wurth won both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Her 1-meter score of 243.80 established a new school record.

Freshman Sarah Clark took the 100 butterfly in 1:09.19. Sophomore Jen Feyerherm bested all comers in the 1,000 freestyle in 12:03.10.

Junior Ali Peterson won gold in the 50 freestyle. Freshman Martina Zamecnik came home first in the 100 freestyle. Senior Jamie

Haferbier out-raced the rest in the 500 freestyle. Junior Trina Larson won as well.

The Mavs took 13 of 16 events at the six-team Jackrabbit Invite.

Haferbier struck gold four times, with three individual wins and one as part of a winning relay squad. She won the 1,000 freestyle (11:19.18), the 200 backstroke (2:19.17), the 100 butterfly (1:02.40) and swam the third leg of the winning 400 freestyle relay (3:45.07).

Kristy Malone added victories in the 200 individual medley (2:18.75) and the 200 freestyle (2:00.84). Wurth swept the diving events.

UNO took the meet with 738 team points, far out-distancing second-place University of Nebraska-Kearney (430). Minnesota State-Moorhead (426) finished third, while Concordia (415) came in fourth. Host South Dakota State came in a disappointing fifth with 295 points and Buena Vista college pulled in with 190 team points.

Up next is the UNO Invitational, a two-day affair beginning Dec. 1 at the HPER building.

Conference championships

UNO was crowned conference champs in 1996, 1998 and 2000. Behrns was named NCC Coach of the Year as well those three years. The 1996 team finished ranked No. 4 in NCAA Division II.

The David City native will earn \$73,000 per year, plus undisclosed personal incentives. His base salary could be increased in May or June of 2002.

"I think it's a fair contract and one that's well-deserved," Danenhauer added. "I think it also demonstrates the university's commitment to Pat and our football program."

UNO finished the 2001 season with an 8-3 record and a trip to the playoffs.

Behrns is married. He and wife Suzanne have five children and two grandchildren.

Behrns to stay on Mav sidelines

David M. Johnson

Head football coach Pat Behrns has signed a four-year contract to stay at UNO.

"This signing is something we wanted to do at this school," said athletic director Bob Danenhauer. "We wanted to reward him for all the success he's had here."

Behrns was named UNO head coach in December 1993 and has put together a winning record directing the Mavericks. He is 57-35 at the Mav helm, including five playoff appearances and three North Central

Maverick men roll to tourney title

Paul Freelend

Men's Basketball

Balanced scoring and a harassing defense gave UNO men's basketball all the edge it would need in the Maverick Classic. The Mavericks swept their two games, defeating Dakota Wesleyan 92-59 and Winona State 82-65.

UNO used a superior inside attack to its advantage against Dakota Wesleyan, winning the rebounding battle 46-36 and scoring 46 points in the paint to the visitors' 18. Alvin Mitchell led the Mavericks in scoring with 17 points, while Micah Kohls had 14 points.

Earlier this month, Winona State defeated pre-season conference favorite

South Dakota State. UNO head coach Kevin McKenna said he was able take lessons from that game film and better prepare UNO's defense.

"We had watched game tape from when Winona played South Dakota State and we knew that Winona was a finesse team," McKenna said. "In most games this year, we had been pressing right away, but today we decided to let Winona get comfortable before springing the press on them



Jared Anderson tries to knock the ball away from Warrior Jason Linzmeier.

all of a sudden. We were able to do that and it really seemed to put them off a bit."

McKenna's team used its pressure defense to a devastating effect. Winona State could only manage 5-28 shooting in the first half, including 2-11 from three-point land, and was forced into 10 first-half turnovers.

Trailing 36-19 after half-time, Winona State drastically improved its shooting, hitting 52 percent from the field. The Mavericks,

though, matched the Warriors point for point and held on for an 82-65 win.

Mitchell led the Mavericks (4-1) with 19 points, while Dan Morrow scored 12 points and had eight rebounds and Adam Wetzel scored 12 points and blocked three shots.

UNO will travel to Ames, Iowa, for the Iowa State tournament this weekend and will face off against Division I San Jose State in the first round.



Ferris State's Chris Kunitz and UNO's Bryce Lampman collide going for the puck during Friday night's 7-2 victory for Ferris State.

Mavericks finish two-week homestand 1-2-1

Paul Freelend

Hockey

UNO hockey's season mantra of "sweep at home, split on the road" hit a slight bump in their two recent home series as the Mavericks drew and lost to Michigan, 4-4 and 3-2, and split against Ferris State, losing 7-2 and winning 5-2.

Michigan entered its series with UNO ranked 12th in the nation, while UNO was ranked seventh. Jeff Filewich drew first blood for the Mavericks in game one, scoring at 10:30 in the first period. The Wolverines, though, would counter with a pair of goals in the second period to set up a

hectic third period. UNO drew level at 3:11 in the third period through David Brisson and quickly put itself in the ascendancy when Aaron Smith and Brisson scored at 13:54 and 15:19, respectively. Michigan would have the final say, however, scoring two late goals to force the game into overtime. Neither team would score in the extra period, ending the game in a 4-4 tie.

Michigan would take the play to UNO in the second game, scoring two goals in the first 10 minutes of the second period after a scoreless first period. The Mavericks took control of the third period, scoring at 2:16 through Gus Groslie and at 16:06 through

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Peanut gallery

- Props to junior volleyball star Jewelia Grennan who was named to the All-North Central Conference Volleyball team. The middle blocker led the Mavs with 343 kills, 276 digs and 81 blocks. She was second on the team with 39 ace serves. UNO finished with a 6-21 record.
- Props to freshman Veronica Barna who set a school record in the 1,000-meter freestyle. The Maverick swimmer posted a time of 10:56.29, an NCAA provisional qualifying time.
- Men's head basketball coach Kevin McKenna signed two high school standouts to letters of intent to play basketball at UNO next season. Zae Robinson of Millard West, and Calvin Kapels from Columbus will join the Mavs on the hard court next season.
- Ali Peterson was again named NCAA Division II swimmer of the week by winning three individual events at the Truman State Duals. She won the 100- and 200-meter backstroke in NCAA automatic qualifying times.
- Head wrestling coach Mike Denney announced the signing of two high school grapplers to letters of intent. Steve Conlin was 34-2 his junior season at Skutt Catholic High School, winning both the district and state Class B titles at 171 pounds. Patrick Allibone of Sioux City, Iowa's Bishop Heelan High School has compiled a 109-18 record through his junior year.
- Props to senior Ryan Hoffman and juniors Conor Riley and Josh Weir who were all named to the Verizon Academic All-American District VII Second team. Riley is carrying a 3.676 GPA in criminal
- justice. Weir has a 3.932 in political science and international studies. Hoffman is pulling a 3.623 in marketing and international studies.
- Head basketball coach Lisa Carlsen announced the signing of three high school athletes to national letters of intent. Shannon Eggers is a 5-10 player from Lewis Central High in Council Bluffs. She averages 11.9 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. Stephanie Austin is a 6-1 power forward from Jefferson High School in Bloomington, Minn. Austin averages 11 points and six boards a game. LaCheryl Prince is a 5-6 point guard from Omaha North. Prince averages 9.0 points and 3.2 assists per game.
- Kara Unger, sister of UNO star softball pitcher Krista Unger, has signed to toss for the Mavericks. Pitching for Missouri Valley, the younger Unger finished 25-3 as a junior with a 0.24 ERA. She batted .414 and was named honorary captain of The World Herald's All-Western Iowa Team. UNO was the Division II national champions last season.
- Props to junior lineman Conor Riley who was named to the All-NCC First Offensive Team. Riley was also named conference Most Valuable Offensive Lineman. Seniors Chad Geiger, Tyree Kellogg, Ryan Hoffman and Abrian Stovall were named to the All-NCC First Defensive Team. Geiger was named conference Most Valuable Defensive Back. Lucas Brigman, Johnnie Nolen, Anton Ceasar, Lawrence Butler, Troy Severson and Kevin Ruch were all named to the NCC Second Team.

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Not many SUVs in North O ...

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passes 50 years of history from one hand to another. The Cartwrights are the proud parents of three boys, grandparents of eight and great grandparents of four. They raised their children here and have nothing but great things to say about North Omaha.

With the decay the region has suffered over the years, the Cartwrights defend their choice of home.

"It's what you do with what you have!" Mr. Cartwright says. "We have a lot of love in our family and it's this that helps keep our home a home regardless of the surroundings. Home is not where you make it, it's what you make it."

Next we move to the outer perimeters of the center of the ghetto. In many minds, these sections of North Omaha reflect a higher class of ghettoism. The housing becomes a little more attractive and a lot more expensive. Larger homes are replaced with modest two- to three-bedrooms, costing \$45,000 to \$90,000 each. Apartment rental prices are flexible. The closer to the center, the less the rent. On average, one- or two-bedroom apartments will cost \$425 monthly, and with a little luck, that includes heat and water. In these areas, you will also find scattered new housing development projects underway. Such projects brighten the surrounding neighborhoods, adding incentives for possible occupants. These newly-built homes will be sold to lower-income families; the American dream happens in the ghetto, too.

"Ghetto is What Ghetto does"

Near 35th & Laurel, a group of youngsters gather on the corner of their block. From a distance, they could be mistaken as trouble on legs. Surprisingly, they are all well-spoken and well-behaved, and what they lack in belts, they make up for in intellect.

Their neighborhood has a mix

of homey qualities. Some yards could use the stagnant energy awaiting release in these bored kids; what wonders they could do for the community, if only they had the guidance.

One of the boys who stood out in the bunch is named Marques. Marques has just celebrated his 12th birthday, and is telling his friends about the party. He has five brothers and sisters, his mother is a housewife, and his dad works — often late — for a local construction company.

Their home looks too small for eight people, but like most ghettos, this is not uncommon. When asked about his dreams for the future, Marques quickly replies that he hopes to be a high school counselor — a contrast from the majority of boys his age, who dream of playing professional ball of some sort. He eventually admits to wanting to fulfill his mother's dream of working with kids.

These are two of the few true testaments to what will and can make a home a worthwhile dwelling, even if its location is stigmatized. To the eyes, having a home of many rooms with vehicles to fill its garages are sights to see; yet to the heart, a home without a proper foundation of love, honor, and respect is just a structure that keeps its dweller home alone. North Omaha has its share of broken dreams and promises, its share of drugs and pain, and its share of good and bad, but fortunately that is not all found in this breeding ground of life. One cannot judge a book by its cover, and so one also cannot judge a home by its structure. Gold and diamonds are found deep within rocks and caverns but are just as precious in their own right.

Brian Brashaw's look at Bellevue will be coming up in Friday's paper.

Ghahramani gets a patent for his invention ...

from Ghahramani, page 1

a deployment device.

The markers contain signaling devices, receivers for activating the signaling devices and transmitters associated with the signaling devices.

The marker he invented comes in all shapes and sizes and has many functional uses, with the potential for both military and commercial application.

It can detect the presence of nuclear, biological and chemical material threats.

Ghahramani has developed two prototypes for MEWS and is currently working on the third-generation prototype.

The devices can detect substances in air or water, such as smoke from a forest fire or harmful chemicals placed in water supplies by terrorists.

The devices then immediately send signals through satellites, alerting law enforcement or military officials to the presence of the substance.

Ghahramani says physically, any type of marker can be developed for any situation. For example, a marker could be used to help prevent drugs being brought across U.S. borders.

He says the MEWS has been rated highly by the U.S. military.

What the MEWS needs now is financial backing — either from the government or a corporation — so that its efficiency can be tested, therefore readying the system for production and marketing.

Ghahramani says members of the UNO community need to channel their resources and rally behind the project.

"All the work has been done," he said. "Now it's time to push forward."

He says financial backing, particularly on a federal level, could take the MEWS from the design to the development stage.

"We need to make the design a reality by giving it form and shape. We have the intellectual

property, now we need community leaders to rally."

He says persons in leadership roles at UNO need to take part in promoting the MEWS on the political scene because they "know the right people."

Leaders in the UNO community appreciate the work Ghahramani has done in his research.

"Bahador brings a special energy to all of his work, and this is but one example of the high quality and relevance of his research," says David Hinton, dean of the College of Information Science and Technology.

Ghahramani appreciates being part of the UNO community.

"Omaha is city that cherishes diversity, and also new ideas," he says.

He says he is grateful for the UNO administration and for Walter Scott and his support of the Institute of Science and Technology.

"I want to make Walter Scott's dreams come true," Ghahramani says.

He says a project like this cannot only help save lives, but also help to keep UNO on the "leading edge" of this type of research technology.

Ghahramani can help UNO stay on the "leading edge," as he has enormous research and development experience in a number of areas, including advanced systems design and development, advanced management information systems and advanced business applications programming.

"I like to think of myself as a scientist, not a specialist," Ghahramani says in regards to the diversity of his inventions.

Ghahramani's other four patents are for an "Eye Depth Testing Apparatus," "A Method for Measuring the Usability of a System," "A Method for

Measuring the Usability of a System and for Task Analysis and Re-engineering" and "Electronic Depth Perception Testing Systems Apparatus for Conducting Depth Perception Tests" —

patents, he says, which all have practical applications and could help people.

"We should use what we know to help others," he says. "Not the research for the sake of research, or science for the sake of science, but science that can benefit others."

Ghahramani has a diverse educational background as well.

He received his Ph.D. in industrial engineering from Louisiana Tech University and his master of business administration in information systems from Louisiana State University.

He also has a master's degree in industrial engineering and in applied mathematics and computer science, and a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and management.

Aside from his research activities, Ghahramani teaches several courses at UNO in both undergraduate and graduate programs.

Ghahramani has also discussed the idea of creating a center of nuclear, biological and chemical warning systems at UNO with Chancellor Nancy Belck.

He says that UNO, already possessing the intellectual property rights via his patent, could be the first university to have such a center.

He also says such research could afford UNO students great opportunities, such as scholarships and assistantships.

"There is great opportunity ahead at UNO," Ghahramani says.

Ghahramani's most current work includes inventions in the field of bio-medical engineering — things that can be used in emergency and operating rooms.

"I've been thinking," he says.

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New developments in breast cancer detection ...

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environmental pollution has an influence on breast cancer. Most experts believe pollutants such as DDE (a pesticide similar to DDT) and PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) have a connection with breast cancer, but have yet to find evidence.

Presently, there is no certain method that will prevent breast cancer. There are some ways to help prevent it, though. To avoid the high-risk category, simply lead a healthy life. As far as drugs go, similar to Tamoxifen is Raloxifene. Originally used in a study on osteoporosis, it was noticed by researchers to reduce the likelihood of breast cancer. It is in the process of approval for use in breast cancer risk reduction. There is chemotherapy as an option to fight the cancer, as well as surgery to remove the cancer. Occasionally, women at very high risk may have a prophylactic mastectomy, which removes one or both breasts.

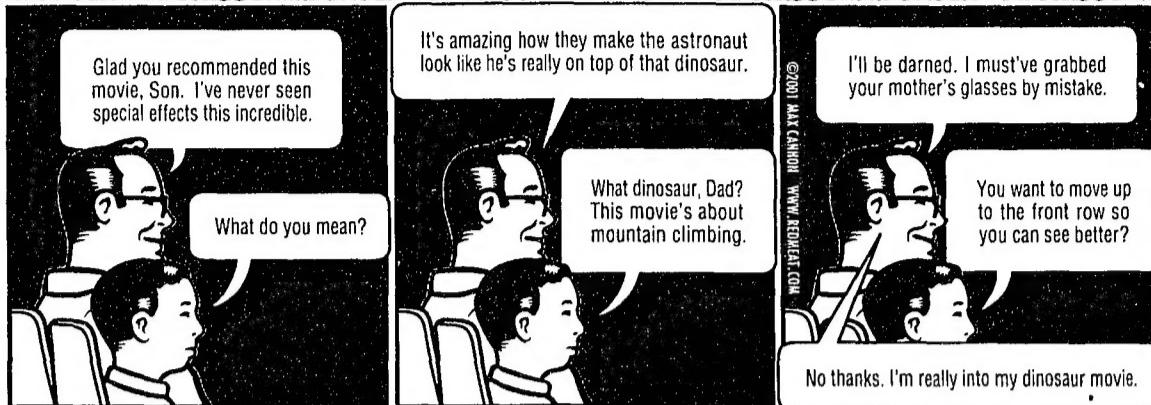
Another hope is a new test that can tell

whether the cancer will come back. The DNA microarray analysis looks at hundreds of genes at once and can make observations after a woman has had treatment to see if the disease will return. This recent announcement should diminish the fear of returning disease.

Signs of breast cancer include lumps on breasts or in under arm area, swollen breasts, skin irritation or dimpling, nipple pain or the nipple turning inward and a discharge from the nipple other than breast milk. Lumps more likely to be cancerous are usually painless, hard and have irregular edges. Anything irregular needs to be looked at by a doctor. It takes all of a minute to check oneself — don't forget, "it is better to be safe than sorry." Encourage older female relatives to have mammograms done. The faster it is detected, the better the chance one has of surviving.

RED MEAT

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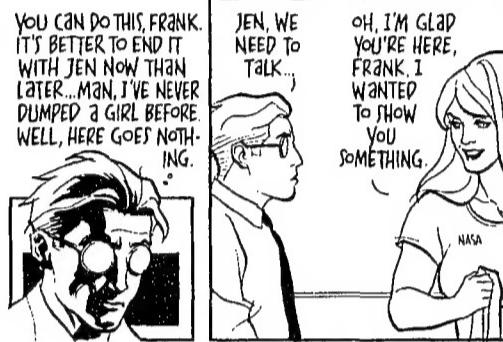
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Speed Bump

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by Frank Cho

Christmas is already causing considerable anxiety. I often think of running away to a country hotel for a few days in the hope that it might be vaguely Dickensian but the reality would be rooms full of yuppies wearing silly paper hats.

— Jeffrey Bernard

Hockey hits a bump...**from Hockey, page 9**

Smith to force the series' second overtime. Michigan's Eric Nystrom, though, would quickly deliver the knockout blow to UNO, scoring 12 seconds into overtime to give the Wolverines the 3-2 victory.

Ferris State wasted little time in their match-up with the Mavericks, scoring four goals in under 10 minutes in the first period, while UNO could only manage one goal in reply — a Shane Glover goal at 6:04. After two more Ferris State goals, Grosbie would

score at 13:52 in the third period to draw UNO to within 6-2 before an empty net goal for the visitors set the final score at 7-2.

Slow out of the blocks the night before, the Mavericks took to the offensive early in the second game of the series. Brisson opened the scoring just 36 seconds into the first period, then Andrew Wong scored at 8:43 before Brisson scored his second of the period at 17:59 to give UNO a 3-0 lead after one period. Jeff Hoggan would answer a Ferris State goal with one of his own at 19:51 in the second period and Smith would cap the Maverick scoring at 6:04 in the third period to seal a 5-2 win for UNO.

UNO (8-5-1, 5-4-1) will next travel to Bowling Green for a conference series Friday and Saturday.

Horoscopes

predictions by Madame Zora

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Make a little money this week. Tape three plastic cups onto your head and ask passers-by to see if they can toss coins into your cups. (continued at Capricorn)

when it begins to growl and drool.

Cancer (July 22 - July 22)

Don't underestimate your power of foresight; underestimate mine. What does that mean? How about you tell me.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Lately, you've noticed that your dreams are narrated by Barry White. That could possibly be a sign of too much Arby's.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You've got senioritis bad ... and you're a junior.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Learn to love yourself for who you are, because frankly, no one else will. No, I'm just joking! That was cold!

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

"Who needs maps?" is your motto and you still wonder why you can never find anything.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

Adopt a squirrel this week. They need all the protection they can get. P.S. — they love Raisinets.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

The Tick has captured your world. You swear it is the greatest thing since string cheese. Squeeze yourself into a nice pair of blue tights.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

You know your stomach is mad at you

How many times can I see that?

Doug Nye
Knight Ridder Newspapers

These holiday specials are so beloved, the networks will run them not once, not twice, but many times.

17 - "A Christmas Story"

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11:50 am	Traffic Appeals	8 am	Pi Kappa Alpha
12 noon	Smoking Cessation	11 am	Women's Studies
12 noon	Catholic Campus Ministry	11 am	Native American Heritage
12 noon	Japanese Exchange Program	11:30 am	Teaching Circles
2:50 pm	Friends of Japan	12 noon	Assoc. Latin American Students
4 pm	Student Health Advisory Council	12 noon	African American Organization
4 pm	Orientation	12 noon	Chapter Summary
4:30 pm	Student Marketing Assoc.	2 pm	Faculty Senate Committee
5:30 pm	Christ on Campus	3 pm	Teaching Circles
6 pm	Risk Management-Alcohol	5 pm	Clubs & Organizations
6 pm	Alpha Xi Delta	6:30 pm	Missouri Valley Reading
8 pm	Lambda Theta Nu	8:30 pm	Lambda Theta Nu

Thurs., Nov. 29th

7 am	Campus Crusade	7 am	M.B.S.C.
9 am	"Consider This . . . "	9 am	"Consider This . . . "

Wed., Nov. 28th

9 am	APAC
11 am	Service Learning Academy
11 am	Quest
11 am	Blood Drive
11:30 am	Teaching Circles
12 noon	Dean's Luncheon
12 noon	Interfraternity Council
12 noon	CNPC Graduation Luncheon
1:30 pm	Graduate Faculty Meeting
2:30 pm	American Multicultural Students
2:30 pm	Panhellenic
3 pm	The Edge/Focus
3:30 pm	Council of Chairs
5 pm	Delta Sigma Pi
7 pm	Campus Crusade

Fri., Nov. 30th

9 am	Retention Committee
10 am	University Committee

11:30 am	Arnold Air Society
12 noon	EMP Peer Mentoring
12 noon	Interfraternity Council
12:30 pm	A.L.A.S.
1 pm	Peer Mentors
2 pm	Judicial Board
3 pm	Orientation
4:30 pm	Campus Ministry International
5 pm	Christ on Campus
6 pm	Beta Alpha Psi

Sat., Dec. 1st

8 am	Amer. Council of Consumerism
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10 am	Molecular Modeling Work
2 pm	Orientation

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